

# THE ARROW

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This cover picture was taken from the cover of the September 1924 *American Motorist*, an early magazine by the AAA dedicated to the burgeoning interest in auto travel.



# Introducing the Board of Directors

As the Yellowstone Trail Association builds for an exciting future, the first need is to have a dynamic governing Board to assure continuing good planning and managing of productive programs. The Board, as of the beginning of 2023, consists of three founding members and six new members representing a wide geographic range, from New Jersey to Idaho, and a great variety of backgrounds. The most important work facing the Board is to find and appoint an Executive Director and an Arrow editor/producer. Help, advice, and volunteers are solicited from all readers. The designation of additional Board members will be considered, especially to further diversify the Board's geographic representation. Ideas? Drop a line to [YTA@yellowstonetrail.org](mailto:YTA@yellowstonetrail.org)

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There is a printable application form at:

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## Trail-O-Grams, Con't.

roads intersect - Michigan Road, Dixie Highway, Lincoln Highway, Grand Army Highway, and Yellowstone Trail. Their recent newsletter outlines their desire to include transportation's effect upon the Potawatomi through "story stations" in the new digs. Keep tuned.

### 7. The Yellowstone Trail in art.

At right is a reproduction of the cover of a note card used by the Old Montana Prison Museums. It was drawn by Montana artist Don Greytak, famed for his wonderful pencil art of Montana life. He was honored recently as a Governor's Arts Awards recipient. Of special interest is the Yellowstone Trail sign in the far left side of the picture. The bridge was the Garrison (MT) bridge over the Clark Fork River used by the Yellowstone Trail. The bridge was moved to the Old Montana Prison Museum at Deer Lodge. This reproduction does it no good; the original clearly relates the autos, the road, the train, the horse, and the river. A spot, much changed, that can still be visited.

### 8. The YTA Wins by Default??

The Lima, Ohio, *Republican* May 28, 1916:

#### OCEAN TO OCEAN AUTO RACE PLANNED

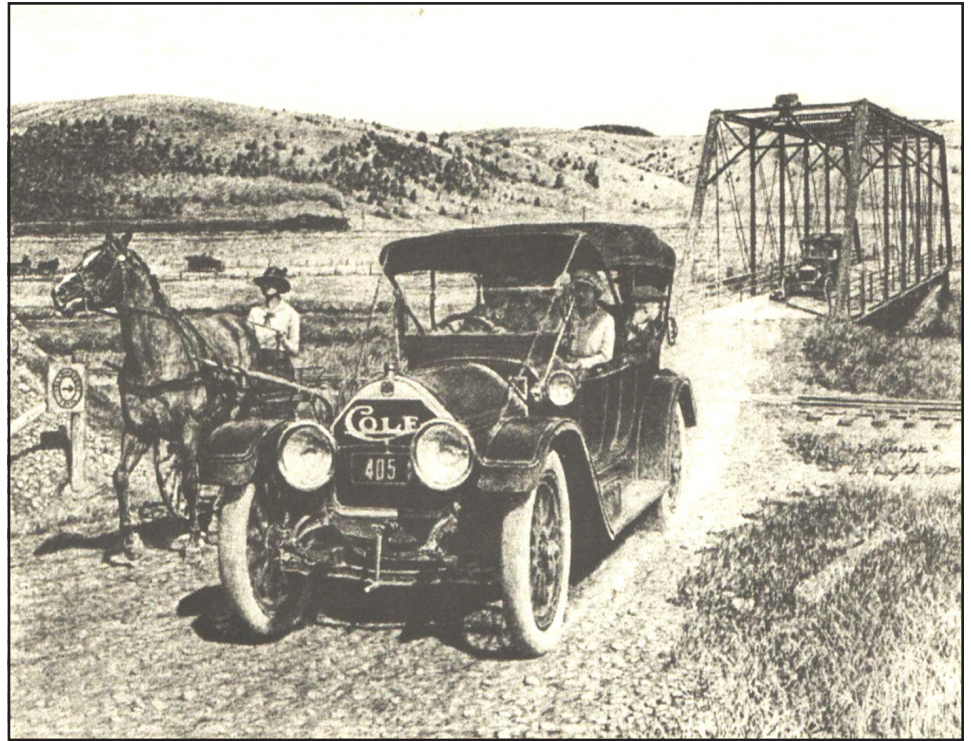
Yellowstone Trail Would Enter Contest With Lincoln Highway

Challenge Calls for Day and Night Race  
Across Continent

The Yellowstone Trail Association, an organization promoting a public highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts with the slogan, "A Good Road From Plymouth Rock to Puget Sound," has issued a challenge to the Lincoln Highway, a transcontinental road from New York to San Francisco, for a night and day race offering to deliver a message from the east to the west sea coast in less lapsed time over their route than it can be done over the Lincoln Highway, the runs to be made simultaneously.

[The routes of both highways were then given via long lists to towns along the roads.]

The Yellowstone Trail body made a run against time over its road in June, 1915, undertaking to deliver its



Picture provided by Martin Drivdahl

message from the mayor of Chicago to the mayor of Seattle in 100 hours. The distance is 2,649 miles and was made by a system of relays in 97 hours and 10 minutes.

[Ed note: The challenged race never happened. Lincoln Highway people said that they had recently completed a race of their own.]

## Are You Missing Pages 3-10?

In the beginning of the *Arrow*, nearly 20 years ago, every member of the YTA received a mailed printed copy of each *Arrow* when the postage costs were lower. The \$10 annual membership fee covered it all and we could print and mail a copy to all members. But we gathered a couple thousand "contacts" of interested people and the Board decided that to motivate memberships (and reduce work -- we need volunteers for everything) that each *Arrow* would be sent digitally to all but those who did not have a computer. And, we hoped non-members would, upon receipt of an *Arrow*, join. Some did, many didn't. **The Board then decided that full digital Arrows were to be sent to members but non-members and those with expired memberships would be sent just the cover pages to keep them aware.** And motivate them to join. It is just \$15 per year! And the necessary operating expenses are not quite covered. Thus, to avoid a sense of guilt and enjoy the *Arrow*, join! It is rewarding.

## The Yellowstone Trail Association is

a charitable and educational organization within the meaning of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with the following purposes:

- 1) Public Education: to increase public knowledge of the Trail and its importance in both local and national history,
- 2) Historical Research: to acquire information and stories about the Trail and its historical context,
- 3) Historical Preservation: to promote the preservation of appropriate sections of the Yellowstone Trail and buildings or other artifacts along the Trail,
- 4) Communication: to provide a medium of communication and support among its members,
- 5) Heritage Tourism: to promote heritage tourism along the Trail to support the above purposes, and
- 6) Related Events: to sponsor or support various events related to the history of the Trail to support the above purposes.

If you are a member but not now receiving the printed version of the *Arrow* and you would like a printed booklet-style copy of this *Arrow* mail \$5 (or \$11 for the next year of issues) to YT Association, Box 65, Altoona, WI 54720-0065. Use your credit card by paying through PayPal. (In PayPal, use: Actions, send money, Treasurer@yellowstonetrail.org )

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Yellowstone Trail Association, Box 65, Altoona, WI 54720-0065

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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An e-mail address is required because the **ARROW** newsletter notice and all other communications are sent via e-mail. If you do not use e-mail and/or need a printed Arrow let us know.

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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If this membership is for a business or organization:

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Your position: \_\_\_\_\_

### Application for Membership or Renewal

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| Check one | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal-1 year . . . . .          | \$ 15  |
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